Mattancheri Water Works. Special mention may also be made of the Trichur Water Supply and the Ayilur Water Supply schemes for which provisions of Rs. 30,000 and Rs.8,000 respectively have been made.

Scientific, etc., Departments.—The budget estimate anticipates an increase of Rs. 37,500 over the revised estimate of Rs. 1,24,900, the main increase being under 'Industries' due to the provision of Rs. 25,000 made for Workshop equipment in the G. T. School, Trichur. This as well as the other variations have been explained in the memorandum furnished with the budget estimate and I shall not take up more time on this at present.

Uplift of the Depressed Classes.—An increased provision of Rs. 11,500 has been made as compared with the revised estimate of Rs. 73,300. For the organisation of co-operative societies among the depressed classes and for their effective supervision a full-time Co-operative Inspector has been appointed as already explained when dealing with the Co-operative Department; additional allotment is made under water-supply; provision has been made for opening additional divisions and classes; increased allotment has also been provided for aiding new schools specially intended for our depressed brethren.

Miscellaneous.—Passing on, I come to the last head of expenditure, viz., 'Miscellaneous' the budget under which is fixed at Rs. 3,58,400 thus exceeding the revised estimate by Rs. 2,26,500. This large increase is due to the enhanced provision made under 'Entertainment of State Guests' towards the expenses in connection with the visit of His Excellency the Viceroy and the lump provision of Rs. 2,50,000 made for the re-organisation of Departments after consideration of the report of the Special Finance Committee. The scrutiny of the report in the light of the recommendations made by the Council during the Special Session has almost been completed and it is hoped to effect the reorganisations during the early part of next year.

Our Surplus.—I am afraid, there is a strong impression gaining ground that the State is now on a mistaken policy of hoarding surpluses instead of utilising them for useful public activities in connection with the development of irrigation, industries, etc. Though to a casual observer the net surplus of Rs. 88·62 lakhs anticipated at the end of the current year may appear a huge and unnecessary one displaying bankruptcy of statesmanship, I am certain that a careful student of the State finances will, on going into the question a little deeper, find to his surprise that this is after all a surplus on books and that it

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